

Review of: "Real-World Efficacy of N95, Surgical, and Cloth Masks in Mitigating SARS-CoV-2 Respiratory Infections: A Comprehensive Comparative Study"

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I have reviewed the provided manuscript, and it appears to be well-written with no obvious shortcomings. However, I can offer a few suggestions for improvement:

- 1. In the sentence, "The recruitment process was halted once we achieved a count of 1,000 volunteers for each mask type," you can improve clarity by specifying the total number of participants. For example: "The recruitment process was halted once we achieved a count of 1,000 volunteers for each mask type, resulting in a total of 3,000 participants."
- 2. What parameters (e.g. age, sex, health conditions etc.) were chosen during the recruitment of subjects for the study?
- 3. Please mention the specifications of surgical and cloth masks e.g. pore size, layering of the cloth (single/double) etc.
- 4. During the study, were the cloth masks washed and reused or fresh mask worn daily?

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